

REMARKS


Applicant has amended the independent claims 1 and 3. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims patentably distinguish the present invention from the art of record and the claims as amended would not be properly rejected based upon the art of record.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a three month extension of time so as to respond to the Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$950.00 as the fee.

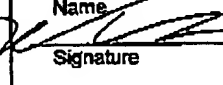
In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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